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## MATCH PREVIEW

**David Wright previews tonight's match against the Wolves.**

The Wollongong Wolves haven't had a very happy season. Bertie Mariani took over from long serving coach, David Ratcliffe who was enticed to UTS Olympic in the close season. Mariani had little opportunity to bring in new blood and, after only three wins from sixteen starts found himself on the outer.

With former Socceroo skipper, Charlie Yankos and ex-Canberra Mike O'Shea, back from a winter stint in China, in the running for the job, the selection of Nick Theodorakopoulos came as a surprise. Unknown in national league circles, Theodorakopoulos had just taken the NSW First Division title with Belmore and, with the backing of friend and Sydney entrepreneur, Harry Michaels, he landed the job at Brandon Park.

Theodorakopoulos had played at the top level as a striker with Sydney Olympic. The 32 year-old's playing career was cut short by injury. Ironically, his problems started against Wollongong when he broke his leg. Another crack at training slowed his come-back but the final straw came when he broke it again against - you guessed it - Wollongong Wolves!

There have been a few comings and goings at Brandon Park since Theodorakopoulos took over. Training sessions increased with an emphasis on fitness and increasing the mobility of the side. Results have not improved with the side still on the bottom although a 4-1 win against Newcastle was encouraging.

Goalkeeper Brett Hughes has been in brilliant form in his fourth season at the club and has repeatedly saved the side from some heavy defeats. Mike O'Shea and Steve Forshaw provide the experience at the back while Billy Gjakovski has impressed as a sweeper or full-back to the point that he has gained recognition in the young Socceroos squad.

In midfield Lupio Naumovski initially struck up a good partnership with veteran Pedro Ricoy but more recently has been paired with the outstanding but injury plagued prospect Mineo Bonetig. Technically gifted with good vision, an in form Bonetig could lift the

Wolves game.

Theodorakopoulos' problems, in the main, are up front. While he has some useful young prospects in Ian Polleri, signed from Marconi, Robbie Middleby, Colin Ruff and top-scorer Tony Perinich, he has yet to find the right combination.

Of local interest will be the return to Bruce of Mike O'Shea and the possibility of former ACT Player of the Year, Paul Beltrame, turning out for the visitors after his \$7000 move from Marconi.

The Cosmos record against the Wolves has been good in the League, drawing 2-2 at home and winning in Wollongong 3-1. Cosmos raced to a 2 goal lead early in the first half of the game at Bruce through what I believed was the best 20-30 minutes the side has played this season. Unfortunately, we let the Wolves back into the game and had to share the points in the end. I'm sure Mike Lyons will have made it clear to all the players that a similar slip this time round will effectively finish off any hope of a berth in this year's finals.

DAVID WRIGHT

### COVER PHOTO

*The dynamic Michael Musitano in action*



# From the LYONS Den

Last Sunday's defeat in Adelaide came as a bit of a shock and didn't do much for our chances of making the play-offs this season. But I have to say that the result didn't reflect the way the lads played.

Those of you caught up with the footage on SYS on Monday would agree that there wasn't a six goal difference in the way the two sides played. We created a number of chances, hit the woodwork twice and had a goal disallowed.

Adelaide City, on their day, are the best side in the league and Sunday saw them at their devastating best. Everything they tried came off, often in quite spectacular fashion!

Our task is not to dwell on the defeat, but to pick ourselves up and get on with the job and I have every confidence in the character of our players to do just that.

The other major piece of news this week is that after a number of weeks in the making, Steve Mautone is finally off to West Ham United - our first export to the English Premier League. While disappointed that Steve won't be with us for the rest of the season, I am delighted to see him given the chance at the big time. Steve has served the club well in the brief time he has been with us and I am convinced he has the ability to make it in England. I'm sure I speak for all associated with the Canberra Cosmos when I wish him all the very best for his future in England.

MICHAEL LYONS

## STEVE MAUTONE - West Ham United

David Wright caught up with Steve Mautone just before he departed for England earlier this week. This is what he had to say:

"I'm delighted to be given the opportunity to play in one of Europe's top leagues and much of the credit for that opportunity must go to Mike Lyons and the Canberra Cosmos. They gave me the chance to re-establish my career by bringing me from South Melbourne when Danny Milosovic was injured after his impressive start to his national league career."

"When I came to Canberra, I made it known to the club that I had ambitions to play in Europe. Not only did the club and coach accept that, they actively encouraged me. Few clubs would have allowed a player to go and trial during the season as the Cosmos did in January. I'm particularly grateful to Mike Lyons who not only gave me the benefit of his vast experience of the English football scene but also gave me a new belief in my ability to make it at that level."

"I would like to have seen out the season with the Cosmos as I feel I owe that to the Club's supporters but, unfortunately, part of the deal is that I have to go immediately."

"I would like to thank the Cosmos supporters. I came to the Club to replace young Danny Milosovic after he had been injured. His early appearances were outstanding and the supporters had a right to be disappointed that they had lost a great asset for most of the season. But the supporters and players made me very welcome. Cosmos are a terrific club and the Directors and Mike Lyons have done everything I could ask to help me to get to England. I wish the Cosmos well in the future and I'll be watching Danny's progress with great interest, albeit from afar. He's a terrific prospect."



# Ericsson Cup Draw

## CANBERRA COSMOS - DRAW

Rd	Date	Match	Time	Score	Attendance
1	8/10/95	v Adelaide City	7:30pm	0-2	4,680
2	14/10/95	v Sydney United	7:00pm	0-0	5,490
4	22/10/95	v Sth Melbourne	7:00pm	2-2	2,725
5	28/10/95	v UTS Olympic	7:00pm	2-3	3,920
3	1/11/95	v Wollongong City	7:30pm	2-2	2,240
6	4/11/95	v Marconi Fairfield	7:00pm	0-1	3,617
7	11/11/95	v West Adelaide	7:00pm	1-1	3,210
8	18/11/95	v Brisbane Strikers	7:00pm	1-3	4,809
9	25/11/95	v Newcastle Breakers	7:00pm	3-2	2,240
10	3/12/95	v Melbourne Knights	7:00pm	3-1	4,532
12	9/12/95	v Adelaide City	7:00pm	0-0	4,120
11	13/12/95	v Morwell Falcons	7:30pm	5-0	2,170
13	17/12/95	v Sydney United	7:00pm	0-3	4,984
14	22/12/95	v Wollongong City	7:45pm	3-1	3,201
15	26/12/95	v Sth Melbourne	7:00pm	3-1	3,128
16	30/12/95	v UTS Olympic	7:00pm	0-2	4,753
17	6/1/96	v Marconi Fairfield	7:00pm	1-3	5,290
JWC	13/1/96	v West Adelaide (1st leg)	7:30pm	1-1	2,751
JWC	20/1/96	v West Adelaide (2nd leg)	7:30pm	1-0	1,573
JWC	25/1/96	v South Melbourne (semi-final)	7:30pm	1-3	2,864
18	4/2/96	v West Adelaide	7:30pm	1-2	1,629
19	10/2/96	v Brisbane Strikers	7:00pm	1-2	1,611
20	16/2/96	v Newcastle Breakers	7:45pm	5-5	2,808
21	24/2/96	v Melbourne Knights	7:00pm	3-3	2,689
22	2/3/96	v Morwell Falcons	7:00pm	1-1	2,182
23	10/3/96	v Adelaide City	7:30pm	0-6	4,588
24	13/3/96	v Sydney United	7:30pm	1-1	1,498
25	16/3/96	v Wollongong City	7:00pm		
26	24/3/96	v Sth Melbourne	7:00pm		
27	27/3/96	v UTS Olympic	7:30pm		
28	30/3/96	v Marconi Fairfield	7:00pm		
29	6/4/96	v West Adelaide	7:00pm		
30	8/4/96	v Brisbane Strikers	7:00pm		
31	13/4/96	v Newcastle Breakers	7:00pm		
32	21/4/96	v Melbourne Knights	7:00pm		
33	28/4/96	v Morwell Falcons	7:00pm		

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Paul Wade	11
Michael Musitano	5
Marko Perinovic	5
Lachlan Armstrong	4
Tony Lemezina	4
Jason Dunn	3
Norman Kelly	2
Alex Castro	2
Paul Dee	1
Arsenije Popovich	1



## ACT ACADEMY LEADING SCORERS

Anthony Barac	9
Pat Phommaseissy	5
Scott Conlon	5
Tony Lemezina	4
Lindsay Wilson	4
John Glass	4
Daniel Bennett	2
Oscar Zamora	2



## CANBERRA COSMOS STAR PROFILE



**NAME:** Paul Dee  
**POSITION:** Full back  
**AGE:** 21 years  
**WEIGHT:** 74kg  
**HEIGHT:** 5'11"  
**LIKES:** A punt, good liars  
 line dancing  
 Fat chicks  
**DISLIKES:**  
**FAVOURITE**  
**FOOD:** Seafood  
**BEST SPORT-**  
**ING MOMENT** Aust schollboys surfing  
**WORST SPORT-**  
**ING MOMENT:** Losing  
**GREATEST**  
**INFLUENCE:** Father  
**PLAYING**  
**EXPERIENCE:** U17 & U20 Aust  
 international and 42 A  
 League games

## WOLLONGONG WOLVES - A BRIEF HISTORY

*Statistician, Andrew Howe  
takes a look at the Wolves.*

In 1981 the number of teams in the national league, formed four years earlier, was increased from 14 to 16. The national league executive was also intent on expanding the geographic base of the league, with a team from south of Sydney an obvious candidate. The Illawarra region had a large population, rich soccer tradition and was separate, but still geographically close to established soccer areas such as Sydney and Canberra.

The Illawarra region had previously had a dose of football fever. In the early 1960s but name player Jim Kelly arrived from England to join South Coast United. Kelly attracted unheard of crowds to games in which he played. In what is still probably Illawarra's biggest achievement in the domestic soccer scene, the Kelly-led South Coast United defeated APIA in the grand final of the 1963 NSW premiership in front of a massive 30,158 crowd. No team from the Illawarra region was strong enough to fill the void after South Coast United's demise in the early 1970s. Painful as it was to the Illawarra community, the region did not have a team ready to enter the national league upon its inception in 1977.

Wollongong City was formed specifically for entry into the national league. Although having the strong support of the Wollongong Leagues Club, starting a national league team from scratch was in reality a risky undertaking in those times. Ken

Morton, player-coach of the Wolves in its first year, had a budget of a mere \$70,000 from which to buy an entire national league squad. In that same year the Sydney Olympic club spent \$120,000 on just four players! Wollongong's first ever national league game was against Olympic. 8,000 people witnessed Wollongong win that game 3-1. Wollongong got through their first eight games without being defeated. Canberra City were the first team ever to beat the Wolves in Wollongong.

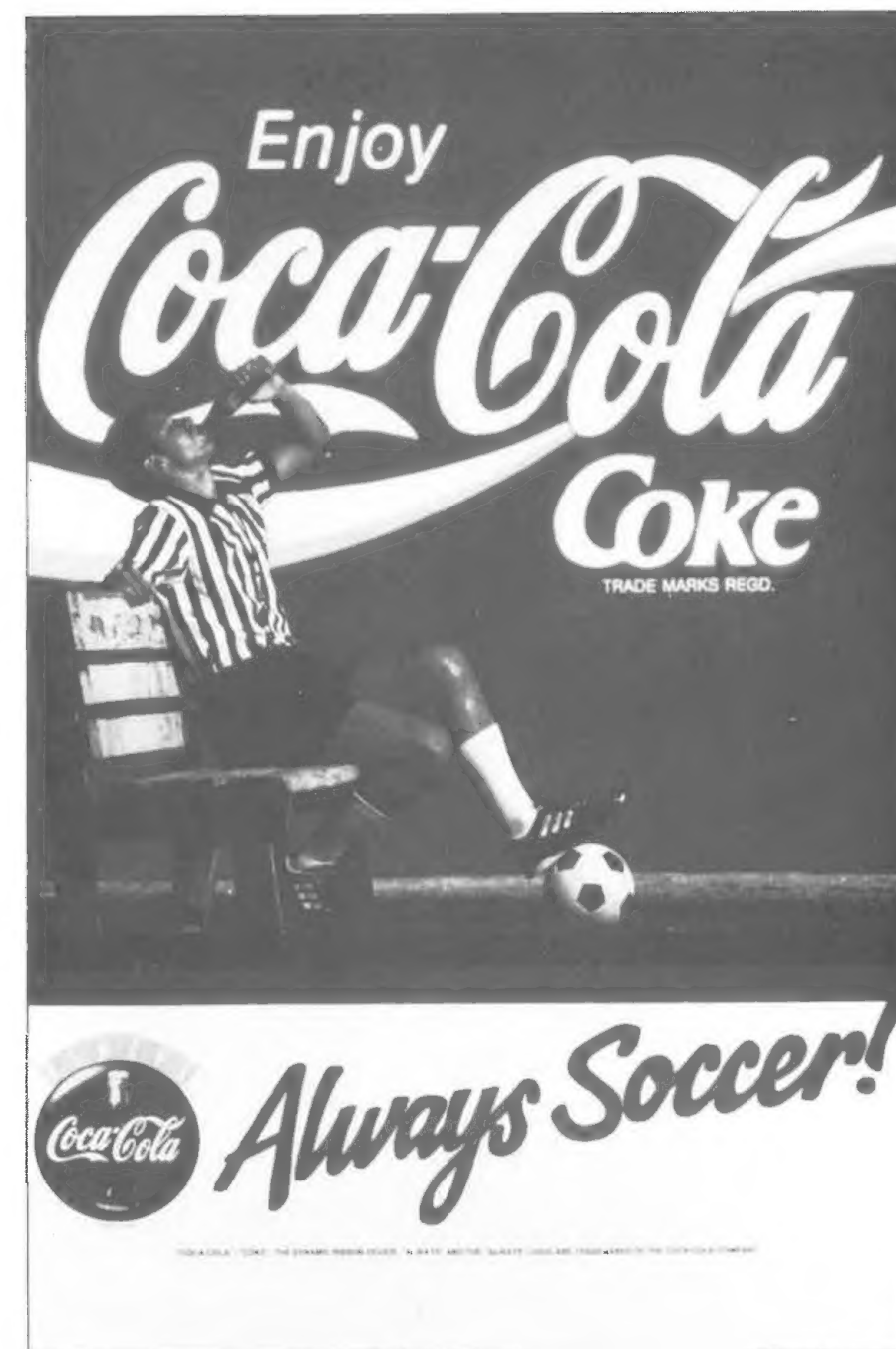
After a promising first couple of years, the Wolves had a lean period in the mid-eighties. Relegated to the NSW state league in 1987, the Wolves returned in 1988 and finished the home and away season on top of the ladder. Unfair finals scheduling sadly saw Wollongong lose both of their two semi-finals that year.

Strong and sensible management, a traditionally steady on-field performance, impressive local media coverage and a magnificent home ground has ensured a high level of acceptance by the local Illawarra community. All the Wolves need now is a major trophy to capture the underlying support that exists on the 370,000 person-strong region. The support for soccer is there. Pre-match rain did not stop 9,000 turning up at Brandon Park to witness the Socceroos play Japan last month. Compare this with the measly figure of 5,000 watched the same two teams play in Melbourne (population 3 million) one week later!

Andrew Howe

SYDNEY UNITED - A SUMMARY OF NATIONAL LEAGUE PERFORMANCE					
NATIONAL LEAGUE SEASON	FINAL LADDER POSITION	KNOCKOUT PLACING	AV HOME CROWD	RESULT-v-CANBERRA IN CANB	RESULT-v-CANBERRA IN SYD
1981	11th (16 teams)	=17th (36 teams)	5000	2-0 Canb	1-0 Canb
1982	3rd (16 teams)	=9th (16 teams)	3300	1-0 Woll	3-0 Woll
1983	15th (16 teams)	=9th (16 teams)	1800	3-1 Canb	3-2 Canb
1984 <sup>A</sup>	12th (12 teams)	=22nd (24 teams)	1100	4-0 Canb	1-0 Canb
1985 <sup>A</sup>	10th (12 teams)	=9th (32 teams)	1100	1-1	2-0 Canb
1986 <sup>A</sup>	8th (12 teams)	=9th (32 teams)	2300	0-0	1-0 Canb
1988	1st (14 teams)	=9th (14 teams)	2400	-	-
1989	9th (14 teams)	=5th (14 teams)	1700	-	-
1989-90	11th (14 teams)	=9th (14 teams)	1600	-	-
1990-91	9th (14 teams)	=5th (14 teams)	2600	-	-
1991-92	5th (14 teams)	=9th (14 teams)	2700	-	-
1992-93	4th (14 teams)	=8th (14 teams)	2700	-	-
1993-94	11th (14 teams)	=8th (14 teams)	2500	-	-
1994-95	8th (13 teams)	=9th (14 teams)	3100	-	-

<sup>A</sup> national league split into two 12 team conferences. Wollongong and Canberra both in Northern conference.



**TODAY'S**  
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Stay tuned to this page for 'casts from the past' - a nostalgic glimpse at the players of the national league in the Canberra region in the pre-Cosmos era.



# Ericsson Cup Teams

## Canberra Cosmos

25. Steve Mautone
2. Paul Dee
4. Richard Watson
5. Jason Dunn
6. Paul Wade
7. Michael Garcia
8. Norman Kelly
9. Lachlan Armstrong
10. Marko Perinovic (C)
11. Toplica Popovich
12. Arsenije Popovich
14. James Baxter
20. Ben Harris
21. John Koch
22. Michael Musitano
23. Stan Dukic
24. Tony Lemezina
26. Gus Cerro
27. Peter Mazis
29. Njegosh Popovic

COACH: Michael Lyons  
ASSISTANT COACH: Ian Heywood

### PLAYING STRIP

SHIRT Dark Blue  
Trim Orange/White

SHORTS Dark Blue  
Trim Orange/White

SOCKS White

## Wollongong Wolves

1. Brett Hughes
2. Mike O'Shea
4. Angelo Petratos
5. Martin Bourke
6. Matthew Horsley (C)
7. Claudio Cellini
8. Lupcho Naumovski
9. Stephen Laybutt
11. Tony Perinich
12. Robbie Middleby
13. Richard Lloyd
14. Colin Luff
15. Steve Forshaw
16. Mineo Binetig
17. Matt Bihn
18. Mario Jerman
19. Aaron O'Brien
22. Ian Pollari
23. Paul Beltrame
24. Ivan Ceccoli
25. Joe Vrkic

COACH: Nick Theodorokopoulos

### PLAYING STRIP

SHIRT Red  
Trim White

SHORTS Red  
Trim White

SOCKS Red  
White

# Les Scheinflug Cup Teams

## ACT Academy of Sport

Blair Machin  
Jason Markezic  
Manuel Sermenio  
Oscar Zamora  
Lindsay Wilson  
Steve Richards  
Michael Barac  
Geoff Howarth  
Anthony Barac  
Pathana Phommaseisy  
David Arranz  
John Glass  
Luke Larfield  
Adam Powell  
Antony Kelava  
Vasko Stojceski  
Silvio Miceli  
Matthew Valeri  
Dennis Langone  
Shane Lyons  
Craig Rankine  
Scott Conlon

### PLAYING STRIP

SHIRT: White  
Trim: Blue/Jade/Yellow  
SHORTS: White  
Trim: Blue/Jade/Yellow

Coach: Chris Tanzey  
Assistant: Rod Lynes  
Manager: Chris Conti

## Wollongong City

Chad Bishop  
Michael Clarke  
Frank Da Luz  
Vasko Minoski  
Peter Frame  
Paul Harris  
Brad Hodnett  
Theo Mahanidis  
George Mahanidis  
Aaron O'Brien  
Matthew Quirk  
Paul Reid  
Michael Santalab  
Tynan Scope  
Vlado Sbrinojki  
Victor Constable  
Mile Sterjovski  
Trevor Whiddett  
Simon Bain

### PLAYING STRIP

SHIRT: Red  
Trim White  
SHORTS: White  
Trim Red

Coach: Larry Gaffney

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## From The Grandstand

*In this issue, in part two of his look at Joadja, Chris Kunz shows some photos old and new and outlines the program for the historic open weekend at the old town near Berrima.*

The last time the old ghost town of Joadja was opened up to the public 11,000 flocked to see it in 1988. Now with the added lure of land for sale, Scottish pipe bands and an historic period-dress soccer match at 1.15pm on Sunday week, March 24, there will be thousands more. Entry is \$5 per adult, with profits going to charities.

The match is a re-creation of the 1887 game between a visiting Sydney selection and locals of Southern Cross FC of Joadja Creek. The latter won 2-0 and took the trophy which I hope Soccer Australia will soon make our National Knockout Cup.

**Chris Kunz**

### UPDATE ON ACT ACADEMY OF SPORT

*The academy has entered the 'business' part of the season in a confident mood, but today can expect a stiff challenge from the gritty Wollongong team. Chris Tanzey will be determined that his skilful squad will take maximum points tonight. In the first game against Wollongong at Bruce Stadium early in the season, the Academy disastrously conceded a late goal to come away with a draw, but the last meeting of the two teams at Brandon Park saw the Academy winners 3-2.*

*Apart from the loss to the AID, February was a successful month for the academy: against Newcastle Breakers the Academy displayed the character and courage for which it is now renowned. In the second half the ten men took the game to the Breakers and in the 75th minute a terrific move between Oscar Zamora, Scott Conlon and John Glass was finished brilliantly by Anthony Barac. The goal was such a good one that the fiercely partisan Newcastle crowd cheered the goal and, at the final whistle, applauded the Academy, 1-0 winners, from the field. We were then able to witness one of the most incredible games, when the Cosmos came back from the dead, 0-4 down, to draw 5-5 - inspirational stuff.*

*The game against our close rivals, the Queensland Academy, was another difficult game that we narrowly won 2-1. In the first round QAS had walloped us at Suncorp Stadium, and we needed to impress our superiority. Anthony Bartac bravely headed our opening goal and Conlon hit the winner with a right foot shot! Against St George, the previous week, Luke Larfield, Anthony Barac and Glass had supplied the goals in a relatively comfortable 3-1 win. In those three games, Mike Lyons had been unable to supply any Cosmos over age players for the academy, and the boys responded by displaying greater determination to win, and maturity beyond their years.*

### STOP PRESS

**Wednesday's result**

**Academy 2 v Sydney Utd 3**



**"SPORTSMAN'S WAREHOUSE"**  
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**MARIO PALMA**



*Mario, aged 8, has played for Belwest Foxes since 1993. This year he is playing U8 'Utility player. Paul Wade is his favourite Cosmos player.*

## What's Ahead

### ROUND 25

15/03 Newcastle v W. Adelaide  
16/03 COSMOS v Wollongong  
16/03 Morwell v UTS Olympic  
16/03 Sydney Utd v Brisbane  
17/03 Adelaide C. v S. Melbourne  
17/03 M. Knights v Marconi

### ROUND 26

22/03 Wollongong v Sydney Utd  
23/03 Brisbane v Newcastle  
23/03 Marconi v Morwell  
24/03 S. Melb. v COSMOS  
24/03 UTS Olympic v Adelaide C.  
24/03 W. Adelaide v M. Knights

### ROUND 27

27/03 Wollongong v S. Melbourne  
27/03 COSMOS v UTS Olympic  
27/03 Morwell v W. Adelaide  
27/03 Adelaide C. v Marconi  
27/03 M. Knights v Brisbane  
27/03 Sydney Utd v Newcastle

### ROUND 28

29/03 Newcastle v M. Knights  
30/03 Brisbane v Morwell  
30/03 Marconi v COSMOS  
31/03 S. Melb v Sydney Utd  
31/03 UTS Olympic v Wollongong  
31/03 W. Adelaide v Adelaide C.

### ROUND 29

06/04 Adelaide C. v Brisbane  
06/04 COSMOS v West Adelaide  
06/04 S. Melb v UTS Olympic  
06/04 Morwell v Newcastle  
06/04 Sydney Utd v M. Knights  
06/04 Wollongong v Marconi

### REFEREES FOR TONIGHT'S GAMES

#### COSMOS

Referee: n/a  
Linesmen: n/a  
4th Official: n/a  
Inspector: n/a

#### ACADAMY

Referee: n/a  
Linesmen: n/a  
Inspector: n/a



# Competition Tables

## Ericsson Cup Table as at 13th March 1996

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Marconi Fairfield	24	14	5	5	45	26	47
UTS Olympic	24	13	5	6	43	31	44
Brisbane Strikers	24	12	5	7	39	27	41
Melbourne Knights	24	11	7	6	28	17	40
Sydney United	24	9	10	5	32	23	37
West Adelaide	24	11	4	9	34	31	37
Adelaide City	24	10	6	8	46	33	36
Morwell Falcons	23	8	5	10	27	41	29
South Melbourne	23	8	4	11	34	40	28
<b>Canberra Cosmos</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>24</b>
Newcastle Breakers	24	4	5	15	30	52	17
Wollongong City	24	4	3	17	24	52	15

## Match Results Round 24(12/13 March 1996)

Marconi	3	v	1	Newcastle
West Adelaide	3	v	0	Brisbane
Wollongong	3	v	3	West Adelaide
UTS Olympic	0	v	2	Melbourne Knights
Canberra COSMOS	1	v	1	Sydney United
South Melbourne	[postponed to 20/3]			Morwell Falcons

## Les Scheinflug Youth Cup

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
A.I.S.	24	17	2	5	77	32	53
Marconi Fairfield	22	17	1	4	69	16	52
Sydney United	22	15	0	7	49	28	45
ACT Academy	22	12	3	7	42	41	39
Wollongong City	22	11	3	8	47	44	36
UTS Olympic	22	10	5	7	45	29	25
Parramatta Eagles	23	8	6	9	40	40	30
QLD Academy of Sport	21	9	2	10	50	34	29
Newcastle Breakers	23	7	3	13	35	48	24
Blacktown City	21	5	5	11	34	68	20
NSW ITC	21	3	0	18	22	76	9
St George	21	2	2	17	19	73	8

## Match Results Round 23 (7/8/9 March 1996)

Newcastle Breakers	0	v	2	UTS Olympic
AIS	3	v	0	Parramatta Eagles
Qld Academy	0	v	0	Marconi
Sydney United	5	v	0	St George
NSW ITC v ACT Academy	postponed			
Blacktown City v Wollongong	postponed			

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